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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND MANUFACTURING METHODS
THEREOF

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Enclosures:

- Rule 62 declaration, copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for continuation or divisional only.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/206,637, filed December 7, 1998. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Preliminary Amendment

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert -- This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/206,637, filed December 7, 1998 (allowed), which is a continuation of U.S. application serial No. 08/795,257, filed February 10, 1997 (U.S. Patent No. 5,864,151).--

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on February 10, 1997 at Reel/Frame 8491/0264.

Priority is claimed under 35 USC §119 based on priority application serial number 8-48272, filed February 9, 1996, in Japan.

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